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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/534,361	HAYASHI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Charles I. Boyer	1751	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### **Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2007.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### **Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### **Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### **Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### **Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____                                      |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/9/05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of group I in the reply filed on May 21, 2007 is acknowledged. Applicant's election without traverse of species c-1 is also acknowledged.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement filed August 9, 2005 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyajima et al, EP 1,092,761.

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Miyajima et al teach a shampoo composition comprising 16% lauryl ether sulfate, 3% laurylamidopropyl betaine, 3% 2-ethylhexyl glyceryl ether, and the balance water (page 6, example 3). Suitable amphoteric surfactants of the invention include the aforementioned laurylamidopropyl betaine and amine oxides (¶13). Though the betaine is the preferred amphoteric of the invention, as amine oxides are taught as suitable amphoteric surfactants of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include an amine oxide in example 3 with a reasonable expectation of successfully obtaining an effective conditioning shampoo.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kazunari et al, JP 2001019993.

Kazunari et al teach a liquid detergent comprising 25% lauryl ether sulfate, 10% lauryldimethylamine oxide, 5% alkyl glyceryl ether, and the balance water (page 6, example 1). The alkyl group of the alkyl glyceryl ether has a preferred carbon chain length of 8 (col. 3, line 19). Accordingly, as ethylhexyl glyceryl ether is an extremely common C8 glyceryl ether for use in the art, it would be obvious to incorporate ethylhexyl glyceryl ether in example 1 with a reasonable expectation of successfully obtaining an effective detergent composition.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles I. Boyer whose telephone number is 571 272 1311. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:30 to 6:00.  
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on 571 272 1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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